

## OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Thomas J. Dagley Inspector General

## MEMORANDUM

November 18, 2005

TO:

Patricia B. O'Neill, President

Montgomery County Board of Education

Dr. Jerry D. Weast, Superintendent Montgomery County Public Schools

FROM:

Thomas J. Dagley

Inspector General

SUBJECT:

Financial Audit of MCPS Seven Locks Elementary School Projects

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that the Office of Inspector General (OIG) is initiating a financial audit on the subject MCPS projects. The audit is being conducted in order to resolve credible complaints received by the OIG from several County residents concerning cost and other data presented to the Council prior to the Council's approval of a revised Seven Locks Elementary School project in May, 2004. The audit will also include a review and analysis of costs expended on the projects thus far.

The OIG recommends that MCPS include the audit results as part of any further contract award decisions.

On November 15, we met with Mr. Larry Bowers, Chief Operating Officer. We formally requested the data and information needed to complete the audit today. Assuming the OIG receives the data and information by December 7, we anticipate being ready to present preliminary audit results no later than December 30, 2005.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Re: 05-34

